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Shiloh, Kittrell—G. W. Rogers, French Perry.

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Red Bud—G. W. Henderson.

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Spring Street—R. S. Frazier, Daniel Harris.

Nelson Chapel—S. Y. Harris.

Harris' Hill—E. G. Smith, A. L. Jones.

Allen's Chapel—J. C. Kelly, Edmund Johnson.

Stovall Chapel—James Royster, Charlie Webb.

Davis' Chapel—Moses Davis, Frank Royster.

Blue Wing—E. M. Tuck.

Concord—Thomas Fogg, C. H. Plummer, Thomas Perry.

New Grassy Creek—W. F. Howard.

Baptist Grove—Thomas Watkins.

Big Ruin Creek—H. W. and B. W. Williams.

Welcome Chapel—J. W. Scott, J. R. Scott.

Mt. Zion—S. D. Cook, H. W. Williamson.

PROCEEDINGS

Kittrell, N. C., October 4, 1916.

At 10:30 o'clock the Middle Baptist Association of North Carolina was called to order by the President, Rev. S. L. Parham. Revs. J. M. Taylor and I. J. Howell conducted the devotional service. Singing. Scripture reading from Psalms 113. Prayer by Rev. T. H. Burwell. Singing, "Hallelujah, 'Tis Done." Rev. Taylor made some very appropriate preliminary remarks, relating to the proper spirit that should exist among the brethern, referring to David's words: 'How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Welcome address on part of the church by the pastor, Rev. T. H. Burwell. He arose and among the things he said "He was extremely glad to meet the brethren, and was proud of the President and the delegation body. We are glad to have you here. We invited you because we look upon you as being strong, representative men, and we want strength and inspiration. We hope you may give us aspiration and inspiration. You are welcome to the church and our homes. We have good homes. Not a sorry home in the community. They are Christian homes, if not so fine.. Again making you a hearty welcome.

Response by brother J. H. Satterwhite (Rev. T. B. Hicks being absent) He said "we are here to represent and foster the cause of Jesus. We, as Christians, can be trusted in your homes, among and with your families. We accept the welcome because we are here to associate our ideas for each other's good.

On motion the pastor and deacon board be committee on arrangements.

A committee on new churches was appointed, consisting of Rev. C. R. Smith, G. W. Henderson, R. S. Frazier, G. W. Lewis, S. Y. Harris. On motion the Association welcomed brother Amis from East Cedar Grove Association. On motion that Rev. J. M. Taylor preach the Introductory sermon. Assisted by Rev. I. J. Howell he took charge of the congregation.

Report of Committee on Arrangements.

Meet at 9:30 a. m. Adjourn at 1:30 p. m. Convene at 2:30 p. m. Adjourn at the pleasure of the Association. Report adopted. Report of committee on new churches was read and adopted. The report recommended the reception of Allen's Chapel Church into the fellowship of the Association. Adjournment. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Levister.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 2:30. Praise service by Rev. J. S. Williams and G. L. Smith. Singing, "O for a Closer Walk With God." Scripture reading Psalms 59th. Brother Williams led in prayer. The time having arrived for the Introductory sermon by Dr. A. W. Pegues, he being absent, Rev. J. M. Taylor acted as substitute, assisted by Rev. I. J. Howell. Singing, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross." Text 2nd Timothy 3-4. Subject: A Good Soldier For Jesus. Phases—1st Power and authority of Christ. 2nd His commission to his Apostles. He said preachers love home too well to do much work. Words of text: Endure hardness, as a good soldier. He said soldiers must fight, fight the wrong, and stand for the right. We must not be entangled with the affairs of the world. He said God cannot use an unfaithful man. Mark and Barnabas ran out to nothing because they were unfaithful. God will take care of his ministers. Whenever have you known any one to run out to nothing following God? Some preachers have nothing to say and don't know how to say that, and don't know when to quit.

The sermon was all that could be expected from such an able Divine. Collection was lifted, amounting to $3.00. A list of churches was called and messengers enrolled. After assigning homes to the different messengers, the Association adjourned. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Levister.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 10:00 o'clock. Praise service conducted by Revs. G. W. Basnett and J. S. Williams. Singing "Am I a Soldier of the Cross." Scripture reading from 103 Psalms. Prayer by Rev. Basnett. The Moderator then stated we would hear from the different brethern of the

condition of their fields of labor. Among the laymen were P. M. Wyche, R. S. Frazier, R. A. Wyche, Turner Henderson, J. C. Kelly, Charlie Webb, J. C. Scott, D. W. Williams, John Thomas, S. Y. Harris, Warren Perry, G. W. Henderson, J. H. Peace, Charles Taylor, S. G. Smith. Those of the ministers were Revs. J. A. Levister, J. M. Taylor, S. G. Gregg, L. A. Wilson, of Virginia, E. A. Powell, of Louisburg. The minutes of the last sitting were read and adopted. The different committees were appointed and called out. The President then delivered his annual address.

Rev. J. M. Taylor in the chair (see address succeeding p.). On motion the President's address be received and adopted and spread upon the face of the minutes in toto.

Topic: The feasibility of a denominational school in the bounds of the Association. Introduced by Deacon J. H. Satterwhite. He said "The work to evangelize the world was given to the Baptists. Others may assist but the work is ours. He stated unless we do more than we have done, we could not hold what we have. Deacon J. H. Peace delivered a strong address. He said "there is no sense in tearing down one thing unless you can put up a better. His address made a deep impresion upon the hearers as to the needs and possibilities of a denominational school. On motion the first hour be given to the discussion of the topic, amended by giving 30 minutes to the topic, and 30 minutes intermission. Adjournment. Benediction by Rev. Harvey Johnson.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 2:30. Devotional services conducted by Revs. S. G. Grigg and J. A. McKnight. Singing. Scripture reading from 5th Psalms. Prayer by Rev. McKnight. The President then announced the house was ready for business. The subject of a denominational school, discussion continued. Rev. S. S. Person was introduced to the Association and made a strong address on religiously educating the children. Rev. L. J. Alexander made a timely address on the subject. Rev. Brooks, of Shiloh Association, was introduced. He made a short but timely address. The time having arrived for the Doctrinal Sermon by Rev. Harvey Johnson. Rev. Johnson read from St. John 3: 1-16. He chose as his subject "Regeneration,"

from 1 verse of aforesaid chapter. Some of the good things he said was that "The Holy Ghost is the agent for saving men. The Holy Ghost is the battery that electrifies the church." His sermon was delivered with the power of the Holy Spirit to the delight of the audience. He proved himself to be a hero for the cause he espoused for the Lord and his Christ. A collection was lifted amounting to $4.50.

Benediction by Rev. J. A. McKnight.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met Friday morning at 9:30. Praise service conducted by Rev. P. L. Royster. Singing. Scripture reading from Revelation, 5th chapter. Prayer by Rev. Royster. The President then announced that the house was ready for business. The Treasurer reported. The report was received and adopted (See report). The committees on Temperance and Sunday School reported and their reports were received and adopted (See reports). A letter was read from Hon. H. P. Cheatham. Mr. Pittard represented him and the Orphanage work. Mr. Pittard had a word to say. He said Mr. Duke, of Durham, N. C., would give a dollar for every one the colored people would raise for education. The committee on Education, on Finance and Letters, and on Time and Place, reported. Their reports were received and adopted (See reports).

Rev. J. M. Taylor offered a resolution referring to work of licentiate preachers (See resolutions).

The committee on nomination of officers reported, and their report was received and adopted. On motion the Association dispense with the sermon by Rev. L. J. Alexander and hear a lecture by Dr. C. S. Brown. The committee on Obituary reported After some sympathetic comments by Rev. Alexander and others, the report was adopted (See report).

Dr. A. W. Pegues introduced Dr. Brown as the brainiest, most large-hearted man in the State. He arose and said, commencing his remarks, "we are known by our fruits." He said he tried to find out the Geography or Haiti, but could not. He, accompanied with Dr. A. M. Moore, went to find out about the island in every detail. It was a Garden of Eden, 60 miles long, and about the size of North Carolina. He said there were many kinds of

different delicious fruits, bananas, cocoanuts, oranges in abundance, bread grows on trees, cotton grows uncultivated. Two classes of people—the aristocratic or ruling class, numbering about 10,000, and the poorer class, ignorant and non-religious and miserable, numbering 2,000,000 souls. He continued there were no school, even for the upper class. Poligamy is common. A man may have as many wives as he wants. No care for the sick or poor. His lecture was supremely interesting and was listened to with profound interest. A collection followed, amounting to $10.00. On motion the Association turn over to Dr. Brown $11.00 for Haitian missions. By a motion Revs. S. L. Parham and T. H. Burwell be sent as delegates to the Baptist Educational Missionary Convention. A collection was taken up for Bro. Jordan Crudup, who was sick, and amounted to $2.00.

The Association having completed the business, each member's mind turned homeward. A feeling song, a prayer and hand-shaking, and the gavel gently went down. It is concluded that thus ended one of the most harmonious, effective meetings had in the history of the Association. Adjourned to meet with the Louisburg Baptist church on Wednesday after the first Sunday in October, 1917.

REV. S. L. PARHAM, Moderator.

R. A. WYCHE, Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

DEAR BRETHREN:

Another year has past and we are yet alive, for some purpose known to the Alwise Creator and Sustainer we've been spared to see this day to meet face to face, while countless millions who were alive twelve months ago are now sleeping beneath the sod, their voices are hushed in death; their spirit returned to God that gave. Among this number from our own ranks our beloved Dr. R. I. Walden, and Rev. J. R. Harris, have been called from labor to reward.

To my mind this thought should have peculiar effect upon the mind of every one here today. We might ask Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?

Believing to be alive today is a reappointment to further service with Christ for the salvation of souls.

Brethern, of the Middle Baptist Association of North Carolina here assembled in the 27th sitting of its history, in view of the long practiced custom of presidents of organic bodies; annually to render account of their stewardship in the way of

an address, I, your humble servant wish to begin by thanking this body for the confidence and trust imposed in me, one of the youngest of your sons, to the highest office you had to give. This honor and distinction I must confess I feel very proud. To not be proud would be guilty of the sin of ingratitude. Fully realizing this distinction, I no less realize the grave responsibility this honor places upon me as president of this Association.

First, because it is an organization of men of faith, operating under and by the direction of Jesus Christ and whose foundation is God.

FIELD.

While the past year his had its various changes and experiences, geographical, political, economical, social and religious, wars, earthquakes, floods and a general intellectual and spiritual unrest the world round, we are thankful to say the great cause of the Master's kingdom is steadily advancing.

The reports of the missionaries of every religious body shows unprecedented success surpassed all previous years. In the waring East, the Mohammedans stronghold, Christ is being preached. Thousands have thrown off the yoke of mohammedanism and are now under the yoke of Christ, who said: "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart and you shall find rest unto your soul."

EDUCATIONAL AND MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

I, as one of your delegates or messengers with Rev. C. R. Smith, attended the convention last November in the City of Wilmington, N. C. This sitting was the most successful since its organization considered from every angle. The signal point in this convention was the perfecting plans for the consolidation of the two wings of the Baptists in the State, one operating under the National Publication Society, the other under the American Baptist Society.

From this convention a mass meeting of all the colored Baptist's of the State were invited to Durham, N. C., January 12th to submerge the two bodies in one great body, to this I responded in person and witness the burying of the long standing differences, signalizing the same by their hearty hand shake. Thus we have now one great organization known as the "Union Baptist Convention of North Carolina." "In Union There Is Strength." "A House Divideth Against Itself Cannot Stand."

OUR FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

I had the pleasure of attending the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention which convened in the City of Baltimore, Md., August 30th, of which Dr. C. S. Brown is president. This convention for many years has been supporting Rev. C. C. Boone, M. D., Rev. W. H. Thomas, Rev. G. D. Gayle, Mrs. Cora Thomas, missionaries in Africa. They report forty conversions last year. This number may seem small when we compare it with evangelical work on this side of the world. The same length of time, too, when we think of Africa's 200,000,000, or more, inhabitants. But when we hear right from the lips of those who

have mingled with the unfortunate people and know the condition there, as what it requires to reach a native African, with his deep seated evil customs, especially polygamy in practice, we would agree that the work is advancing rapidly. There are more than 4,000,000 of our race in Haiti, living under their own civil rules. Dr. C. S. Brown and Dr. A. M. Moore, who recently visited the Island, testify the masses are perishing for the Gospel of Christ. To continue our work in Africa and to start a new work in Haiti, the convention has pledged to raise $20,000. North Carolina's pro ratio is $8,000 this coming year. I recommend that every pastor in this Association co-operate with this worthy movement and raise 10 cents per capital for every member in his church for "foreign missions." remembering the ollivet's commission "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" etc. I further recommend that this association represent in the Lott Carey convention, which convenes in the city of Richmond, Va., August 1917.

EVANGELISM.

God's method of saving the world is by preaching the Gospel; the drifting masses of our people if changed must be changed by the Gospel. The word of God must reach them through men who are equipped intellectually and spiritually. Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth."

He must be equipped with the power of the spirit. "Tarry ye at Jerusalem until ye shall receive power from on high."

PRECAUTION.

I warn you brethern to preach "Repentence." Many of the evangelists of today are putting little or no emphasis on repentence and our churches are filled with unregenerated people. "John the Baptist's only text was "repent." Christ followed him with the same text. He said to sinners "except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." The early apostles preached repentence. Let us "remove not the ancient landmark our fathers set up."

EDUCATION.

The world as never before is calling for prepared workers. The time has come that efficiency is sought rather than favoritism. To succeed in any vocation of life the man or woman must prepare themselves. With special reference to Christian workers, I find within our bounds many good faithful workers in the church and Sunday schools that can not comprehensively read the Bible and unacquainted with Baptist Doctrine, because of unfortunate circumstances. To meet this need it occurs to me that this Association in this sitting should arrange for a two or three months' course in English and the vital Doctrine of the Baptist churches with the Bible "chief text book," and that efficient teachers be secured and paid by the Association. The name for this kind of schooling might be called Chautauquas or institutes.

SHAW UNIVERSITY.

Shaw University, one of the greatest schools in the South for the colored race, has done and is still doing a great work for our race. She has sent out in the world from her sacred walls more than a thousand intellectual and christian giants prepared for service. Her influence is felt on both continents, in fact Shaw has given us our ministers as far as training is concerned directly or indirectly. Special attention is now being given to the theological department under the direction of the sainted scholar Dr. N. F. Roberts, Dean, assisted by Prof. W. S. Turner. The old Medical Hall is being put in splendid condition for the coming term. A beautiful and attractive front will attract your attention on the south side of the Shaw campus. This improvement was put in the hands of a committee at the Durham convention of which your servant was a member. A call was made by Dr. A. M. Moore, secretary of committee, for $20.00 from each church. Some of our pastors responded, others paid no attention. Brethern, rally to this great institution with your prayers and money, that the work of training men and women for God's service be not retarded. I recommend our continued support to Shaw, increasing each year.

I conclude by again thanking the brethern for the consideration given me as your president. I've been warmly received by all. I've met you in the unions and elsewhere and rendered the service I were able to do our ministers' and deacons' union with brother Stephen Hart, an untiring, faithful worker, as president. Meetings have been harmonious and inspiring. I regret to say our ministers do not attend these unions as they should. I humbly and faithfully trust we all will go out from this meeting inspired and with a greater determination to do what our hands find to do, as said by William Carey "let us expect great things from God, and undertake great things for God."

May the choice benediction of God rest upon you all, now and forever.

S. L. PARHAM.
President.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, so much of the Christian growth and spiritual development depends upon the piety and faithfulness of its pastors, and

Whereas, our Licentiates Ministers are the scions of the future church, pastors, therefore, resolve that each church that has a licentiate preacher on its roll of membership, at least once a year call on said licentiate preacher to learn whether or not he is actively engaged in preaching the Gospel, or is he earnest by making efforts to preach the Gospel.

Resolved Second, If such minister or ministers be found preaching the Gospel or making preparation for preaching the Gospel, by consecration are careful of the word of God, then

such licentiate preacher or preachers shall be encouraged by the church.

Resolved Third, That if the church finds that such licentiate minister or ministers are not actually engaged in preaching nor earnestly engaged in making preparation for preaching the Gospel, then the church reprimand such licentiate minister or ministers.

Resolved Fourth, That if such licentiate minister, after being called by his church the second year, and yet refuse to comply with the above, that the church revoke such license.

Respectfully,
J. M. TAYLOR.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

We, your committee on nomination of officers, recommend the following:

For President—Rev. S. L. Parham.
For Vice-President—J. H. Peace.
For Treasurer—Rev. C. R. Smith.
For Auditor—D. B. Satterwhite.
For Recording Secretary—R. A. Wyche.
For Corresponding Secretary—M. A. Smith.

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" J. A. Levister
Rev. Harvey Johnson
" L. J. Alexander
Dea. Stephen Hart
J. H. Satterwhite
P. M. Wyche
J. H. Peace
and others.

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES.

We, your committee on new Churches, eg leave to report that we have carefully examined the credentials of Allen's Baptist Church and find it in Gospel order, and recommend the reception of the Church in the Association.

C. R. SMITH
G. W. HENDERSON
R. S. FRAZIER
G. W. LEWIS
S. Y. HARRIS
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LETTERS.

We, your committee on Finance and Letters report the following:

Churches	Amt. Sent.
Stovall Chapel	$ 5.00
New Corinth	5.00
Michael Creek	10.00
Davis' Chapel	5.00
Red Bud	4.00
Flat Creek	10.00
Big Ruin Creek	3.00
Baptist Grove	3.00
New Jonathan Creek	6.00
Nelson Chapel	3.00
Shiloh, Kittrell	5.00
Concord	3.20
Welcome Chapel	2.00
Shiloh, Henderson	10.00
Philadelphia	2.00
Louisburg	10.00
Nut Bush	
Spring Street	5.00
Mt. Zion	1.00
Aaron Creek	2.00
Blue Wing	6.00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATION.

We, your committee on appropriation, recommend the following appropriation:

For Printing Minutes	$ 22.00
For Compiling Minutes	10.00
Representation of Churches in the State Convention	12.00
Delegates expenses to State Convention	12.00
For Foreign Missions	5.00
Haiti Missions	11.00
Shaw University	12.00
Sexton Shiloh Church	2.00
Joe Stones	2.00
Scott Ingram	2.00
Orphan Asylum at Oxford	10.00
Welcome Chapel	2.00
For Preaching	2.00
Louisburg School	4.00
Franklinton School	4.00
Philadelphia Church	3.00
For Printing Programs	3.50
Total	$119.50

T. H. BURWELL,
S. G. GRIGG,
J. H. PEACE,
STEPHEN HART,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUUARY

Whereas, It has pleased God in his wise Providence, to take from labor to reward our beloved brethern, Dr. R. I. Walden, Rev. J. R. Harris, and Deacon John Blacknell, from Davis' Chapel; John Pearl from New Corinth; W. R. Tuck and W. M. Sanford of Blue Wing,,

Resolved, That we humbly bow in submission to Him who doth all things well, and that we will extend our heart felt sympathies to the bereaved families. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

WARREN PERRY
J. S. WILLIAMS
G. W. PEACE
FRANK ROYSTER
J. A. LEVISTER
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, The ministry of our great Denomination in the bounds of this Association needs to be strengthened, therefore, be it

Resolved, First, That this Association hold three Ministerial Institutes during the Associational year and that these Ministerial Institutes be held at three different places in the bounds of the Association,

Second, The management and the work of the Institute be put in the hands of a board appointed by this Association, whose duties it shall be to select a competent tutor or Theologian well versed in the Baptist Doctrine, who shall instruct our preachers at our Institute,

Third, Resolved, That the said Ministerial Institute or Chautauqua last at least 5 days at each session,

Resolved, Fourth, That we commend the work done by the Baptist training school at Franklinton, N. C., and the Baptist Industrial school at Louisburg, N. C., and that we raise money and donate to these schools.

Rev. J. M. TAYLOR
" J. I. McKNIGHT
" L. J. ALEXANDER
J. H. PEACE
P. M. WYCHE
S. L. PARHAM
Committee on Institute.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Whereas, Intemperance has an evil and blighting influence on human society, debasing and destroying men of every nation, and,

Whereas, The drink habit has never caused any man to treat his family, his neighbor, or his church better, but its debasing effects is felt by every community and church. The Bible says: "Be not filled with wine wherein is excess."

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the Association denounce

intemperance as an evil worker, misleading its victims, making orphans and augmenting the convict force of our State,

Resolved, Second, That each pastor and preacher preach against dram drinking as an evil against human society.

Respectfully,

J. M. TAYLOR
J. C. KELLY
T. H. HENDERSON
D. A. HARRIS
E. M. TUCK

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We, your committee on Sunday school, recommend that each member of the church give more time to the Sunday school work, for in the Sunday school we expect the future church and preachers. We further recommend that the pastors of churches encourage and foster the work.

C. R. SMITH
CHARLIE WEBB
N. B. DANIEL
W. M. WILKERSON

Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I, C. R. Smith, Treasurer of the Middle Baptist Association of North Carolina, submit the following report:

Received from representation of churches including public collections	$ 133.65
Paid out by orders of the Association	108.46
	$ 25.19
Balance on hand for Missions	6.00
Balance on hand, total	$ 31.19

This 6th day of October, 1916,

C. R. SMITH, Treasurer.

I, D. B. Satterwhite, auditor of the Association, certify that I have carefully examined the account of the Treasurer, and find it to be correct.

D. B. SATTERWHITE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Education, recommend the following, to-wit:

Whereas, Ignorance is a hindrance to the moral and spiritual uplift of the people and in view of the fact that this Association stands for Christian Education, we hereby recommend that each pastor and church hold one Educational service during the year to encourage Education in their respective com-

munities, thereby strengthen our efforts to assist worthy young men in school, who are preparing themselves for the Gospel ministry, and doing more for our secondary schools.

Submitted,
A Friend to Education.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, it is one of the leading objects of this Association to assist in the educaton of the Ministry, and

Whereas, This Association purposes by the Lord's help to carry out His noble objects as far as possible; therefore be it

Resolved, That at this sitting of the Association we will donate for the Associational Fund, Twelve Dollars to assist in educating some worthy young man who is trying to educate himself for the Ministry in the Theological department of Shaw University, under the following plan, viz:

That the Association or its Executive Board shall have the privilege to name such young man as shall be aided from such fund. That three dollars per month is to be paid as part payment to said school for four months, providing he remains studying the ministry.

Resolved Second, That we pledge ourselves in good faith to continue this donation, with increased amount if possible, until we shall be able to educate for the Ministry only, some God-called young man.

Humbly submitted,
R. I. WALDEN.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Middle Baptist Missionary Association of North Carolina, and shall be composed of pastors of churches belonging to the Union, and members chosen by the different churches, whom they deem best qualified to represent them in the Association.

Articl 2. It shall be the object of this Association to encourage in every practical way the true worship of God, the spread of the Gospel, education in the Ministry, to aid weak churches and to assist in establishing churches wherever needed.

Article 3. Each Church represented in this Association shall express the number of members in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last Association.

Article 4. The pastors and the members chosen by the churches of this Union shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches, but they may, from time to time, recommend to any or all the churches of this Association such measures as in their opinion will further the Master's kingdom among men.

Article 5. This Association shall have for its officers a President, Vice-President, Recording and Corresponding Clerks, Treasurer, Auditor, and Executive Board, and by virtue of offices, the President and Clerks shall be President and Clerks

of the Board; and the Board shall meet subject to the call of the Presdent.

Article 6. The Moderator shall preside in all meetings of the Association, secure order, state and put all questions, and announce the votes cast. The Clerk shall record the actions of the Association and see that the proceedings of each session are printed in Minutes and distribute to each church and the account of the same kept separate for report. The Treasurer shall hold all moneys, papers or bonds belonging to the Association, subject to the ruling of the Association, and shall make an annual report of all moneys, papers or bonds belonging to said Association.

Article 7. Other churches may be represented in this Association who may petition by letter or delegation. If found in Gospel order the Moderator shall give the right hand of fellowship.

Article 8. Every Church in this Association shall be entitled to a representative, but no Church shall send more than three delegates to one sitting.

Article 9. This Association shall endeavor to furnish the Churches with the Minutes. The best method of effecting this purpose shall be left to the direction of the Association.

Article 10. We think it absolutely necessary to have an Associational Fund for defraying the expenses of the Association. For raising this fund we think it the duty of each Church of this Association to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send it by the hands of their delegates to this Association.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of each Church of this Association to send by its delegates or letter to each sitting of this Association, such named sum as it is willing to send as a donation to the next sitting of this Association. Such sum will be expected.

Article 12. This Association shall have power to enquire of any Church or Churches why they are not represented at any sitting of this Association, and if they have been wronged this Association shall endeavor to correct the wrong.

Article 13. This Association shall have an Executive Board, of which the President and Secretary shall be members. The members who shall constitute said Board shall be decided upon by the body.

Article 14. The work of the Executive Board shall be independent of all parties, subject to the criticism and correction of the Association. And one of the duties of the Executive Board shall be to prepare programmes for each sitting of the Association.

Article 15. This Constitution can be changed or altered by a two-third vote of the Association at any regular meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1st. That no person or persons shall bring their personal matters against any individual who belongs or may belong to this body without the consent of the Association. That the Mod-

erator shall have power to decide whether any matter is personal.

2nd. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3rd. Any brother desiring to speak or make a motion shall rise address the Moderator with the word "Brother," and shall not proceed to speak until the Moderator recognizes him.

4th. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he breaks the rules of this decorum.

5th. The person speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before him, but shall fairly state the case so as to convey his ideas.

6th. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject unless obtaining liberty from the Association.

7th. It shall be a breach of order for any brother or brothers to whisper while another brother is speaking.

8th. The Moderator shall see that each brother, when speaking, strictly adheres to rules of this decorum.

9th. The names of the several members shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as the Association requires.

10th. The Moderator shall not be entitled to vote save in case of a tie.

11th. Any person who shall knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by this body as they may deem proper.

12th. That the Association does not recognize Ministers who go outside of the bounds of the Association for ordination.

13th. These rules shall be subject to a change of amendment by a majority vote at any regular session.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	SECRETARIES AND POSTOFFICES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	Day of Service	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Received by Baptism	Expelled	Restored	Died	Male Members	Female Members	Total Membership	S. S. Scholars	Amt. Sent Association	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Value Church Property	Orphan Asylum
Louisburg Baptist	Jas I. McKnight, Franklinton, N. C.	Rev. W. M. Henderson, Henderson, N. C.	3 & 4	---	4	28	4	---	4	550	752	1102	250	$10 00	-----	---	$1 600	-----
Shiloh, Henderson	J. E. Scott, Henderson, N. C.	" A. W. Pegues, D. D., Raleigh, N. C.	1 & 3	7	-	15	---	-	7	245	455	700	200	10 00	$ 2 00	$ 1 50	2 500	$ 5 00
Shiloh, Kittrell	W. H. Smith, Kittrell, N. C.	" T. H. Burwell, Kittrell, N. C.	2	---	1	14	---	1	1	223	245	468	50	5 00	-----	5 00	1 200	-----
Flat Creek	R. A. Wyche, Henderson, N. C., R. 7	" Harvey Johnson, Oxford, N. C,	1	----	2	21	4	2	4	350	339	589	75	10 00	2 00	-----	1 500	-----
Nelson Chapel	S. Y. Harris, Nelson, Va.	" E. D. Smith	1	---			----			19	20	39	25	3 00	-----	-----	500	-----
Michael Creek	B. G. Taylor, Oxford, N. C.	" S. L. Parham, Henderson, N. C.	2	1	1	24	2	---	5	122	224	346	85	10 00	----	-----	2 500	-----
New Bethel	Junius Baskerville, Henderson, N. C.	" L. J. Alexander, Wise, N. C.	1	----	---	8	2	2	--	22	28	50	39	2 50	-	----	1 100	----
Spring Street	Sallie Frazier, Henderson, N. C.	" S. G. Grigg, Wise, N. C.	1 & 3	2	----	50	2	6	3	50	250	250	123	5 00	3 00	5 20	1 500	1 40
New Grassy Creek	G. N. Blackwell, Nelson, Va.	" W. A. Blackwell, Bullock, N. C.	1 & 3	---	---	8	2	2	----	49	31	80	70	2 50	----	-----	800	-----
Concord	J. D. McKnight, Kittrell, N. C.	" P. J. Fogg, Henderson, N. C.	3	--	--	17		1	----	64	86	150	90	3 20	----	-----	1 500	-----
Davis Chapel	Henry Beasly, Bullock, N. C.	" T. B. Hicks, Henderson, N. C.	1	----			1	1	2	64	77	141	40	5 00	1 50	5 00	1 000	1 00
Red Bud	J. R. Cheatham, Henderson, N. C.	" Gilford Stamper	4	----	1	4	-	1	1	99	96	189	54	4 00	-----	-----	1 200	-----
Big Ruin Creek	Wade Williams, Dabney, N. C.	" P. J. Fogg, Henderson, N. C.	3	1	1	17	1	2	----	50	48	98	60	3 00	----	-----	500	----
Stovall Chapel	B. G. Taylor, Stovall, N. C.	" S. L. Parham, Henderson, N. C.	3	1	3	8	2	1	1	43	60	123	75	5 00	2 00	1 00	1 100	2 00
New Bethel	J. W. Scott, Henderson, N. C.	" Harvey Johnson	2	2		2	---	---	1	19	9	28	40	2 00	-----	-----	600	-----
Blue Wing	J. M. C. Tuck, Virgilina, Va.	" J. H. Lyon, Oxford, N. C.	1	3	3	15	3	3	1	186	170	256	35	6 00	-----	4 50	1 100	-----
New Corrinth	W. Hall, Oxford, N. C., Route 4	" J. H. Peace, Oxford. N. C.	3	---	3	22	1	3	2	70	100	170	50	5 00	-----	2 00	2 000	5 00
Mt. Zion	S. D. Cook, Katesville, N. C.	" J. A. Levister, Katesville, N. C.	4	----	-		--	--	1	11	7	18	13	1 00	-----	-----	600	-----
Baptist Grove	Mrs. Mary L. Tuck, Stovall, N. C.	" P. L. Royster, Oxford, N. C.	2	---	---	-	1	--		5	15	20	-	1 00	-	-----	100	-----
Nut Bush	G. W. Lewis, Henderson, N. C.	" Harvey Johnson	2		3	9	1	1	1	57	59	116	80	3 00	7 00	-----	1 500	-----
Harris Hill	Lady Williams, Virgilina, Va.	" J. W. Daley	2	1	-	6	4	1	1	29	31	60	22	2 00	50	-----	250	-----
New Jonathan Creek	Bettie Henryhand, Virgilina, Va.	" J. J. Daley, Boydton, Va.	4	1		15	3	5	3	134	183	317	68	6 00	2 00	18 00	2 350	5 00
Philadelphia	A. C. Cross, Bullock, N. C.	" P. L. Royster, Oxford, N. C.	4		1		---	--	1	9	15	24	15	2 00	---	-----	500	-----
Allen's Chapel	J. C. Kelly, Louisburg, N. C	" J. M. Taylor, Creedmore, N. C.	2	1	1	18	---		2	50	50	100	25	3 00	2 00	1 00	500	-----
Aaron's Creek	L. T. Kinton, Virgilina, Va.	" J. C. Lyon, Oxford, N. C.	4	---	---	-	----	1	1	18	18	36	36	2 00	-----	-----	600	-----